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TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY AND TOWN OF PALM BEACH ESTABLISH HURRICANE RELIEF FUND FOR BAHAMAS

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The Town of Palm Beach United Way and the Town of Palm Beach have collaborated to establish a Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund to assist with long-term recovery efforts in the Bahamas.

Hurricane Dorian, a devastating Category 5 storm, battered the Bahamas for days, causing catastrophic damage and unfortunate loss of life along the island chain. The effects of this storm's destruction will last for years, but the Town of Palm Beach and the Town of Palm Beach United Way are committed to providing support that will make a lasting impact in the months and years ahead in the Bahamas.

"Our hearts break for our Bahamian brothers and sisters who have lost everything, including their precious loved ones," said Mayor Gail Coniglio. "Our community hurts for our Bahamian neighbors but we are committed to doing our part in what will surely be a global humanitarian relief effort. Palm Beachers have always opened their generous pocket books in times of crisis and I know this will not be an exception. I encourage residents who want to donate needed supplies to do so through the many agencies that are equipped to accept goods, but to also contribute generously to the long-term efforts with a monetary gift."

Because of widespread damage to ports of entry, roads, warehouse facilities and communications, our relief effort is completely focused on collecting monetary contributions rather than donated items to ensure long-term recovery efforts are well supported.

"Long-term recovery efforts bring the entire community together to provide permanent solutions to a variety of complex needs such as medical care, housing and food distribution," said Board Chairman Mary Freitas. "While other organizations concentrate their efforts on delivering much-needed emergency aid and immediate basic needs assistance, the Town of Palm Beach United Way will collect donations that will help the Bahamian people with long-term community rebuilding efforts."

To donate to the Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund visit palmbeachunitedway.org/hurricane-relief. Donations are tax deductible and 100% will go directly to relief efforts in the Bahamas. For more information call 561-655-1919.

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